

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please cancel Claims 11, 15-20, and 23-33, and add new Claims 34 and 35 as follows:

1.-33. (Cancelled)

34. (New) An image forming apparatus comprising:

a first light source for emitting a first light in accordance with image information;

a second light source for emitting a second light in accordance with image information;

a rotational deflecting means for deflecting the first and second lights emitted from said first and second light sources;

a first mirror for reflecting the first light deflected by said rotational deflecting means;

a second mirror for reflecting the second light deflected by said rotational deflecting means;

a first image bearing member onto which the first light reflected by said first mirror is irradiated;

a second image bearing member onto which the second light reflected by said second mirror is irradiated;

a first lens for directing the first light reflected by said first mirror onto said first image bearing member;

a second lens for directing the second light reflected by said second mirror onto said second image bearing member;

an optical box for supporting said first and second light sources, said rotational deflecting means, said first and second mirrors, and said first and second lenses;

wherein the first light deflected by said rotational deflecting means is reflected at 90 degrees at only one time by said first mirror in a path along which the first light reaches said first image bearing member, the second light deflected by said rotational deflecting means is reflected at 90 degrees at only one time by said second mirror in a path along which the second light reaches said second image bearing member, a light axis of said first lens is parallel to a light axis of said second lens, and an arrangement pitch between said first mirror and said second mirror is the same as an arrangement pitch between said first image bearing member and said second image bearing member.

35. (New) An image forming apparatus according to claim 34, further comprising:

a third light source for emitting a third light in accordance with image information;

a fourth light source for emitting a fourth light in accordance with image information;

a second rotational deflecting means for deflecting the third and fourth

lights emitted from said third and fourth light sources;

a third mirror for reflecting the third light deflected by said second rotational deflecting means;

a fourth mirror for reflecting the fourth light deflected by said second deflecting means;

a third image bearing member onto which the third light reflected by said third mirror is irradiated;

a fourth image bearing member onto which the fourth light reflected by said fourth mirror is irradiated;

a third lens for directing the third light reflected by said third mirror onto said third image bearing member; and

a fourth lens for directing the fourth light reflected by said fourth mirror onto said fourth image bearing member,

wherein the third light deflected by said second rotational deflecting means is reflected at 90 degrees at only one time by said third mirror in a path along which the third light reaches said third image bearing member, the fourth light deflected by said second rotational deflecting means is reflected at 90 degrees at only one time by said fourth mirror in a path along which the fourth light reaches said fourth image bearing member, a light axis of said third lens is parallel to a light axis of said fourth lens, and an arrangement pitch between said third mirror and said fourth mirror is the same as an arrangement pitch between said third image bearing member and said fourth image bearing member.